

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Mark A. Clarner Art Unit : 3677  
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## RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE

In response to the Notice of Allowance mailed January 28, 2010, enclosed are a completed issue fee transmittal form PTOL-85b. The fees in the amount of \$1810 for the required issue fee (\$1510) and publication fee (\$300) are being paid concurrently herewith on the Electronic Filing System (EFS) by way of Deposit Account authorization.

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Respectfully submitted,

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